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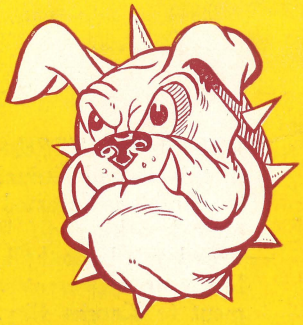

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LOUISIANA TECH—Tech is the defending champion in this second annual Louisiana Invitational. The Ruston Bulldogs defeated Centenary in the finals last season after knocking off Hamline in the first round. Cecil Crowley is basketball coach and they had a 20-10 record last year, representing Louisiana in the NAIA Tournament in Kansas City.

WASHINGTON STATE—The Cougars of the Pacific Coast Conference will be making their Shreveport debut and are expected to bring to the Southland the brand of ball seen, heard and read about on the coast. Jack Friel is the coach and they had an 11-15 record in '54-'55. The college is in Pullman, Wash.

NORTH TEXAS STATE—North Texas State has always been one of the toughest basketball schools in the Southwest and the Denton Eagles have their eye on the Louisiana trophy. Pete Shands is the basketball coach.

CENTENARY—Centenary is the host team in this second annual meet and would like nothing better than to put this year's award in their trophy case. They finished as runner-up last year under F. H. (Buss) Delaney and new coach Harold Mooty has a good chance of copping the prize. Centenary had a 14-12 record last year.

Welcome to Shreveport

Shreveport, capital city of the Ark-La-Tex and home of some 150,000 Louisianians. is the home of the Louisiana Invitational Basketball Tournament and Centenary College, long a basketball power in America.

The LIT once again is co-sponsored by Centenary and the *Shreveport Times*, the local morning newspaper and their aim is for a bigger and better tournament each year.

Next season it is the hope of the sponsors that the tournament can be held in the new Youth Building on the Louisiana State Fair Grounds which seats approximately 10,000 fans.

The new arena has been hailed by basketball men as the "Madison Square Garden" of the South and is centrally located with ample parking space.

Visiting teams have excellent hotel facilities and restaurants and Shreveport is serviced by all the airlines to a modern new airport. There is also excellent bus and rail service to all parts of the nation.

It is Centenary's and the *Shreveport Times*' hope for the future that this can be made into one of the nation's outstanding basketball centers and they and local citizens will do everything possible to make this a reality.

Welcome to Shreveport!

Welcome to Centenary

The publicity division of Centenary's athletic department is constantly at the service of newspapers, radio and television stations, coaches, school publications and the basketball public in general.

We will consider all requests a "must" and will do everything possible to present to Ark-La-Tex sports followers as clear a picture as possible of Centenary College in general and the athletic department in particular.

Any requests for pictures, rosters, schedules and other publicity utilities will be met instantly.

We seek your inquiries into the athletic department and while we will try to be worthy of your confidence, we in no way wish to escape constructive criticism. Your comments are our guides and we will do everything possible to follow your instructions.

Visit us at Centenary many times during the basketball season for you are always welcome at Centenary.

Requests

Requests for information or other services from the publicity division may be sent by letter, wire or telephone to the publicity director at 7-7688 at the school or 7-3825 at home.

Haynes Memorial Gym

The Centenary College health, physical education and gymnasium building was constructed in 1936, as a gift to the college from W. A. Haynes, Shreveport philanthropist. Visiting basketball teams and fans may expect a fine playing surface, excellent dressing rooms and superior seating arrangements.

Facts About Centenary

Official Name—Centenary College of Louisiana

Denomination—Methodist

Location—Shreveport, La.

Enrollment—1,600

President—Dr. Joe J. Mickle

Athletic Director—F. H. "Buss" Delaney

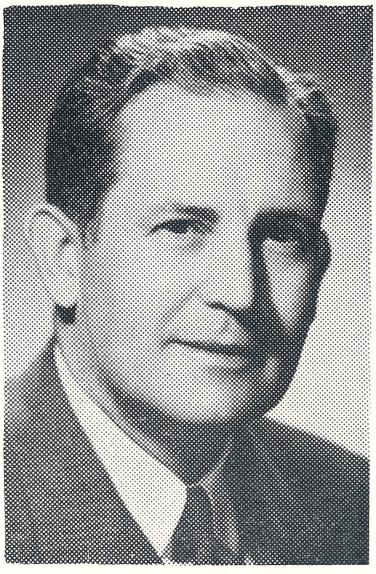
Athletic Association—National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Nickname—Gentlemen or Gents

Colors—Maroon and White

Gymnasium—Haynes Memorial Gymnasium (on the campus)

Seating Capacity—2,100



Dr. Joe J. Mickle

President Joe J. Mickle, A.B., M.A., a Texan by birth, assumed the presidency of Centenary College in May, 1945. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, he took his masters degree at Columbia University and also studied in the Columbia School of Business Administration. He holds a certified public accountant's certificate in Texas.

He has been prominent in educational work for twenty years. He lived in Japan from 1921 until 1941, where he was professor of accounting and foreign trade and also business manager of Kwansei Gakuin University, an American-sponsored institution in Kobe, Japan. During the time he was connected with this school and lived in Japan, Mr. Mickle made a very close study of the totalitarian form of government, the Japanese people as a whole, their customs and attitudes, geographical location and relation to other nations. This important and interesting knowledge of Japan and the Japanese people has made Mr. Mickle a most desired and often called on speaker by national as well as local civic and literary groups.

From 1941 to April, 1945, Mr. Mickle was executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, with headquarters in New York City.

He has been a member of the speakers group of the United Nations Association and has lectured in many colleges and universities over the United States. He was a member of both the Foreign Policy Association and the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Since he became president of Centenary College, he and Mrs. Mickle have made their home at 3000 Centenary Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana. He is president of Louisiana Foundation of Privately Supported Colleges and Universities.

Meet Harold Mooty

Ex-Centenary basketball great Harold Mooty takes over as head coach from his former mentor, F. H. (Buss) Delaney, this season as Buss steps up to athletic director and assistant to the president.

Harold is no stranger to Gent fans. He played on two great Centenary teams in 1949-50 and 1950-51 and won two letters as a forward.

He was captain in his senior year and made all-conference and also set a Bradley Field House record of 32 points in 1950 that still stands.

Harold turned down a professional baseball job offered by the hometown Sports and one by New Iberia of the Evangeline League to enter the coaching field at his old junior college, Marion Military Institute, in his home town of Marion, Alabama.

He coached basketball there for four years, baseball for four seasons, was assistant football coach for one year and head football coach for two falls.

So now, after returning to his old junior college as basketball coach, he returns to another alma mater as cage coach.

Harold is married and the proud father of a four-month-old son.

Prospectus

The Gents start a new basketball season December 1, and while most of the nation's top schools still have a football tang about the campus, Centenary has long since been looking for the first dribble on the hardwood.

Prospects are bright at Centenary with three returning starters back from last year's squad, but the sun could shine a little more on the Gents' bench before predicting a top-flight season.

Centenary lost All-American Burl Plunkett, who has the job of assistant basketball coach this year, play-maker Billy Joe Emmons and hustling Wayne Thrash, but a flock of promising newcomers may make new head coach Harold Mooty's job a little easier in the future.

Back for another shot with the Gentlemen are Monte Combs, the 6′ 8″ pivot-man, forward Jimmy Edelen, who could take up Emmons' play-making role, and little Ron Viskozki at guard.

Top-flight men such as Bossier City's Larry Teague, senior Gabby Hayes and sophomore Ernesto Landeros are making spirited bids for starting positions.

But it's the "hidden" strength in newcomers, such as Lester Ralph, a center candidate and junior college transfer, Bill Bradford, Juan Roig and Frank Burgan, transferring from junior colleges, and freshmen candidates Cecil Rhodes from Fair Park, Sammy Maxey from Sibley, Jim Cassady from Rushville, Ill., and Tom Hubble from Winchester, Ill., that could make or break the Gents this season.

Get the reserves to come through and Centenary will be rough for any opponent.

CENTENARY'S VARSITY

Home No.	Road No.	Name	Pos.
15	15	Teague, Larry	F
23	23	Edelen, Jimmy	F
21	21	Hayes, Gabby	F
18	18	Bradford, Bill	F
6	6	Barnett, Roy, Jr.	F
11	11	Hubble, Tom	F
22	22	Combs, Monte	C
25	25	Ralph, Lester	C
8	8	Doerner, Kern	C
13	13	Rhodes, Cecil	C-F
3	3	Viskozki, Ron	G
14	14	Busboom, Dean	G-F
4	4	Landeros, Ernesto	G
5	5	Roig, Juan	G
12	12	Burgan, Frank	G
7	7	Maxey, Sam	G
16	16	Cassady, Jim	G
17	17	Schulman, Bobby	G

ATHLETI

Athletic Director—F. H. (Buss) Delaney
Basketball Coach—Harold Mooty
Baseball Coach—Edgar Burks
Golf Coach—Capt. Ray Stailey
Tennis Coach—Gene Perkins
Gymnastic Coach—Gene Perkins
Faculty Chairman on Athletics—Dr. John B. Entrikin

Y BASKETBALL SQUAD

Hgt.	Wt.	Age	Class	Home Town
6'5"	185	20	2	Bossier City, La.
6'2"	180	21	4	Mead, Okla.
6'3"	195	21	4	Taylorville, Ill.
6'3"	160	20	2	Corpus Christi, Tex.
6'	160	18	1	Marion, Ala.
6'3"	188	18	1	Winchester, Ill.
6'8"	220	22	4	Fouke, Ark.
6'6"	202	22	3	Balleyton, Ala.
6'5"	200	21	2	Norris City, Ill.
6'4"	190	19	1	Shreveport
5'10"	155	20	3	Taylorville, Ill.
6'2"	180	19	2	St. Joseph, Ill.
6'1"	170	19	2	El Paso, Tex.
5'10"	175	20	3	San Juan, P. R.
5'10"	150	20	3	Barbourville, Ky.
5'10"	170	18	1	Sibley, La.
5'9"	146	18	1	Rushville, Ill.
5'11"	150	19	1	Dothan, Ill.

IC STAFF

Business Manager Carl Wilkinson
Team Physician—Dr. J. P. Sanders
Trainer—Joe Gray
Student Managers—James McAdams and Don Stall
Ticket Manager—Mrs. Frances Gilfoil
Athletic Publicity—Bill McIntyre
Athletic Secretary—Miss Betty Jo Austin

1955-56 SCHEDULE

1955		
Dec. 1	Southern State (Arkansas)	Home
Dec. 3	West Texas State	Home
Dec. 7	St. Louis University	St. Louis, Mo.
Dec. 10	New Mexico A. & M.	Home
Dec. 12	Stephen F. Austin State	Nacogdoches, Texas
Dec. 14	Texas Wesleyan	Home
Dec. 16	Kansas State (Emporia)	Home
Dec. 19	Southwestern Louisiana Institute	Lafayette, La.
Dec. 28-29	Louisiana Invitational Tournament. Washington State, Centenary, North Texas State, Louisiana Tech	Home (at S'port)
1956		
Jan. 6	Arkansas State	Home
Jan. 9	Northwestern	Natchitoches, La.
Jan. 12	Louisiana Tech	Ruston, La.
Jan. 16	Stephen F. Austin	Home
Jan. 25	Northwestern	Home
Jan. 28	Southeastern	Home
Jan. 30	Mississippi Southern	Home
Feb. 4	Mississippi Southern	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Feb. 8	Louisiana Tech	Home
Feb. 11	Austin College	Home
Feb. 14	East Texas Baptist College	Home
Feb. 18	Memphis State	Memphis, Tenn.
Feb. 20	Arkansas State	State College, Ark.
Feb. 24	Northeast Louisiana	Home
Feb. 27	Memphis State	Home

LAST YEAR'S RESULTS

Centenary 69	Stephen F. Austin 58
Centenary 75	Stephen F. Austin 71
Centenary 85	North Texas State 72
Centenary 75	Texas Tech 93
Centenary 94	McNeese State 72
Centenary 84	Texas Wesleyan 66
Centenary 51 (2 OT)	McNeese State 49
Centenary 91	McMurray 66
Centenary 58	Louisiana Tech 73
Centenary 109	Arkansas State 78
Centenary 54	East Texas State 65
Centenary 65	Mississippi Southern 67
Centenary 91	Northwestern 94
Centenary 68 (OT)	Southwestern Louisiana Institute 70
Centenary 99 (OT)	Louisiana Tech 97
Centenary 82	Memphis State 95
Centenary 81	Arkansas State 85
Centenary 80	Mississippi College 72
Centenary 55	Louisiana Tech 88
Centenary 50	University of Cincinatti 79
Centenary 67	Southern Illinois University 72
Centenary 87	Illinois State Normal 78
Centenary 76 (OT)	Northwestern 79
Centenary 92	Austin College 86
Centenary 68	Mississippi Southern 49
Centenary 70	Memphis State 68

Meet The Gents

FORWARDS

LARRY TEAGUE—A top reserve last season, Larry is making a spirited bid for a starting assignment this season. He is co-captain along with Monte Combs and is a two year Centenary letterman. Teague's 6'5" gives the Gents that much needed height up front.

JIMMY EDELEN—Jimmy could turn into the real "play maker" for the Gents this season. He has a great jump shot and is fast. He will give Centenary a healthy punch under the basket.

GABBY HAYES—Gabby will be in his third season with the varsity and is in a good spot to move into a starting position. He has given the Gents creditable "bench" strength since joining them and has a good selection of shots.

BILL BRADFORD—This Texas sophomore from Del Mar Junior College is rapidly winning a place on the varsity for himself. He is 6'3" and has speed to go with his height.

ROY BARNETT, JR.—This 18-year-old freshman from Marion, Alabama, won the Most Valuable Player Award in his high school conference and has the ability to develop into a first line college forward.

TOM HUBBLE—Another freshman who will make Centenary tough for the next four years. Tom is from Winchester, Ill., and was honorable mention all-state.

CENTERS

MONTE COMBS—Monte played a major role in the success of the Gents last season and Coach Mooty is looking for him to take up where he left off. He is 6'8" and weighs 220 pounds, but is a capable rebounder and good shot. He is co-captain along with Larry Teague and could be Centenary's best bet for post-season honors.

LESTER RALPH—This 6'6" junior transfer from St. Bernard Junior College gives Centenary plenty of depth at the post position. He hails from Balleyton, Alabama.

KERN DOERNER—Kern is from Norris City, Illinois, where he lettered in basketball two years in high school. He is agile and will be a good man to have around for center action.

CECIL RHODES—This 6'4" ex-Fair Park athlete comes to Centenary highly recommended. Cecil performed on the Gent hardwood many times during his high school career and was courted by numerous college scouts before tossing in his lot with his home town five. He can play either center or forward and was an all-district player in every major sport in high school.

GUARDS

RON VISKOZKI—Ron has two Centenary letters to his credit and was one of the main stays of last year's squad. He is a scrappy competitor and never "stands still" on the floor. He's a good driver and also hits from the outside with ease.

DEAN BUSBOOM—A solidly put together ball player at 6'2", he is making a bid for a starting post. He has been one of the top guards for two years and this year will move from guard to forward, wherever Mooty has need for him.

ERNESTO LANDEROS—Ernesto lettered on last year's team and is still one of the top guard candidates. He is smart and a good shot and ball handler.

JUAN ROIG—This Puerto Rican lad could be just what the doctor ordered for Mooty's guard strength. He lettered at Lon Morris Junior College and the University of Houston before making the jump to Centenary. Roig is from San Juan and stands 5'10".

FRANK BURGAN—Frank was an all-southeast junior college player for two years at St. Bernard. He is 5'10" and weighs only 150, but is a fast, smart ball handler and can be dangerous around the basket.

SAM MAXEY—Sammy is no stranger to Shreveport cage fans. He played several tournaments at Centenary while in high school and is also a fast man on the floor. He was honorable mention all-state in high school.

JIM CASSADY—Jim is the smallest player on the Centenary roster, standing 5'8" and weighing only 148 pounds, but he is one of the most dangerous on the basketball floor. He handles himself well with the bigger men and can be a valuable asset ~~to~~ this year's squad.

BOBBY SCHULMAN—An all-state player at Dothan (Ala.) High, Bobby is counted on for plenty of guard duty before leaving Centenary four years from now.

All-Time Centenary Records

(Single Highest Individual Performance)

BILLY HESTER—35 points against Louisiana College at Alexandria, La., Jan. 19, 1952.

BURL PLUNKETT—35 points against Arizona State at Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 17, 1953.

HAROLD MOOTY—32 points against Bradley University at Peoria, Ill., Dec. 21, 1950.

CONNIE MACK REA—31 points against University of Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 13, 1952.

Opponents At A Glance

SOUTHERN STATE—Magnolia, Ark.; Prentice Waller, coach; 1954-55 record: 12-8.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY—St. Louis, Mo.; Eddie Hickey, coach; 1954-55 record: 20-8.

NEW MEXICO A. & M.—State College, N. M.; Presley Askew, coach; 1954-55 record: 7-13.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN—Nacogdoches, Texas; John Stephens, coach.

TEXAS WESLEYAN—Fort Worth, Texas; Dan Hart, coach; 1954-55 record: 9-15.

KANSAS STATE (EMPORIA)—Emporia, Kan.; E. D. Fish, coach; 1954-55 record: 9-15.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA—Lafayette, La.; J. C. Reinhardt, coach; 1954-55 record: 8-12.

ARKANSAS STATE—Jonesboro, Ark.; John Rauth, coach; 1954-55 record: 14-11.

NORTHWESTERN STATE—Natchitoches, La.; C. F. (Red) Thomas, coach; 1954-55 record: 19-7.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA—Hammond, La.; Luther Marlar, coach; 1954-55 record: 10-11.

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN—Hattiesburg, Miss.; Charles Finley, coach; 1954-55 record: 11-15.

AUSTIN COLLEGE—Sherman, Texas; Byron Gilbreath, coach; 1954-55 record: 9-14.

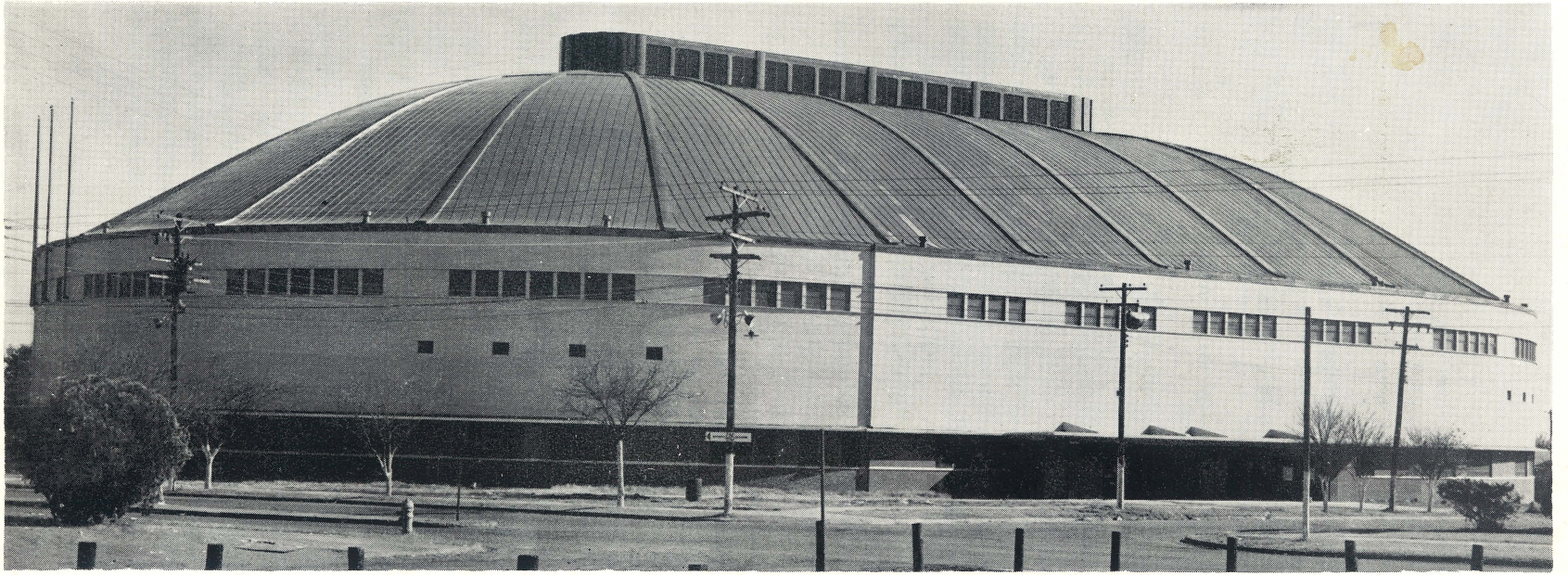
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST—Marshall, Texas; Lenny Fant, coach; 1954-55 record: 19-7.

MEMPHIS STATE—Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Eugene Lambert, coach; 1954-55 record: 17-5.

WASHINGTON STATE—Pullman, Wash.; Jack Friel, coach; 1954-55 record: 11-15.

NORTH TEXAS STATE—Denton, Texas; Pete Shands, coach.

WEST TEXAS STATE—Canyon, Texas; Gus Miller, coach.



NEW HOME OF CENTENARY GENTS—New Youth Building at the State Fair Grounds, Shreveport, Louisiana. Built at a cost of $1,800,000. Seating capacity, 14,000.